

WE CLAIM:

1. A device comprising:

a clip having two ends and a leverage bump; and

an arm pivotally coupled to each end;

where one of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened.

2. The device of claim 1, where the leverage bump includes two outer portions and a middle portion, and the two outer portions protrude more outwardly from the clip than the middle portion.

3. The device of claim 1, where the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

4. The device of claim 3, where each leverage bump includes two outer portions and a middle portion, and the two outer portions of each leverage bump protrude more outwardly from the clip than the middle portion.

5. The device of claim 1, where each arm includes two hinge elements separated by two slots and a middle segment, and each hinge element has an elongated segment and a hinge segment.

6. The device of claim 5, where each end of the clip includes an arm-retaining portion, and the hinge segments of a given arm fit at least partially within the arm-retaining portion of an end of the clip.

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2 7. The device of claim 5, where the hinge elements of each arm are longer than the
3 middle segment of that arm.

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5 8. The device of claim 5, where an edge of the middle segment of each arm is
6 positioned near the arm-retaining portion of an end of the clip.

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8 9. The device of claim 1, where each arm has a widest portion and the clip has a
9 widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have substantially the
10 same width.

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12 10. The device of claim 9, where the widest portion of each arm is positioned near the
13 widest portion of the clip.

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15 11. The device of claim 1, where each arm includes an indentation.

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17 12. The device of claim 11, where each arm includes an insert in the indentation.

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19 13. The device of claim 1, further comprising:
20 a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

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22 14. A device comprising:
23 a clip having a receiving portion and a holding portion, the receiving portion
24 including an arch, and the holding portion including two ends; and

1 an arm pivotally coupled to each end.

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3 15. The device of claim 14, where the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm
4 contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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6 16. The device of claim 14, where each arm includes two hinge elements separated by
7 two slots and a middle segment, and each hinge element has an elongated segment and a
8 hinge segment.

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10 17. The device of claim 16, where each end of the clip includes an arm-retaining
11 portion, and the hinge segments of a given arm fit at least partially within the arm-
12 retaining portion of an end of the clip.

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14 18. The device of claim 14, where each arm has a widest portion and the clip has a
15 widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have substantially the
16 same width.

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18 19. The device of claim 18, where the widest portion of each arm is positioned near
19 the widest portion of the clip.

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21 20. The device of claim 14, further comprising:
22 a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

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1 21. A device comprising:
2 a clip having two hinges positioned beside each other, each hinge having two
3 outer open ends; and
4 an arm pivotally coupled to each hinge, each arm including two hinge segments
5 that are positioned at least partially within the two outer open ends of each
6 hinge, one of the hinge segments having a non-circular cross-sectional
7 profile;
8 the device being sized to hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet.

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10 22. The device of claim 21, the clip having a leverage bump positioned such that one
11 of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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13 23. The device of claim 22, each arm having an elongated segment extending from
14 the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated segment of a
15 given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the leverage bump.

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17 24. The device of claim 22, the clip having two leverage bumps, and each arm
18 contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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20 25. The device of claim 23, the elongated segments of a given arm being separated by
21 two slots and a middle segment.

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1 26. The device of claim 25, each arm having a hinge element that includes one of the
2 elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, the hinge element of a given arm
3 being longer than the middle segment of the given arm.

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5 27. The device of claim 25, an edge of the middle segment of each arm being
6 positioned near a hinge of the clip.

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8 28. The device of claim 22, each arm having a widest portion and the clip having a
9 widest portion, the widest portions of the arms and the clip having substantially the same
10 width.

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12 29. The device of claim 28, the widest portion of each arm being positioned near the
13 widest portion of the clip.

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15 30. The device of claim 22, each arm including an indentation.

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17 31. The device of claim 30, the indentation of one of the arms protruding outwardly so
18 as to be closer to the leverage bump of the clip than any other portion of that arm when
19 that arm is bent back and in contact with the leverage bump.

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21 32. The device of claim 21, further comprising:
22 a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

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1 33. A device comprising:
2 a clip that is not substantially triangular in shape when in an empty closed
3 position, the clip having two ends; and
4 an arm pivotally coupled to each end;
5 the device being sized to hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet.

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7 34. The device of claim 33, each end having a hinge to which an arm is pivotally
8 coupled.

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10 35. The device of claim 34, each arm including two hinge segments that are
11 positioned at least partially within the hinge to which that arm is pivotally coupled, one of
12 the hinge segments having a non-circular cross-sectional profile.

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14 36. The device of claim 35, the clip having a leverage bump positioned such that one
15 of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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17 37. The device of claim 36, each arm having an elongated segment extending from
18 the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated segment of a
19 given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the leverage bump.

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21 38. The device of claim 36, the clip having two leverage bumps, and each arm
22 contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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1 39. The device of claim 37, the elongated segments of a given arm being separated by
2 two slots and a middle segment.

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4 40. The device of claim 39, each arm having a hinge element that includes one of the
5 elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, the hinge element of a given arm
6 being longer than the middle segment of the given arm.

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8 41. The device of claim 39, an edge of the middle segment of each arm being
9 positioned near a hinge of the clip.

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11 42. The device of claim 36, each arm having a widest portion and the clip having a
12 widest portion, the widest portions of the arms and the clip having substantially the same
13 width.

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15 43. The device of claim 42, the widest portion of each arm being positioned near the
16 widest portion of the clip.

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18 44. The device of claim 36, each arm including an indentation.

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20 45. The device of claim 44, the indentation of one of the arms protruding outwardly so
21 as to be closer to the leverage bump of the clip than any other portion of that arm when
22 that arm is bent back and in contact with the leverage bump.

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- 1 46. The device of claim 34, further comprising:
2 a wallet configured to be held by the clip.
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- 4 47. The device of claim 33, each arm being a non-wire frame arm.
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